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Nadine Mathis Basha  
Arizona ECDH Board Chair  
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Dear Chair Mathis Basha,

The Yuma Regional Partnership Council has worked arduously in putting together a strategic plan. While we have been able to prioritize needs and goals and have worked to develop strategies, we see that this will require additional time to ensure we are putting forth a plan that best works for our community and truly meets the needs for children in the area.

We respectfully request that the Yuma Regional Partnership Council funding plan be presented to the First Things First State Board in January of 2009. We would further like to present the current state of the plan at the State Board's December meeting.

Respectfully,

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